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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1908.

We do not propose to discuss to-day the long and able speech delivered by H. K. the Governor yesterday in laying before the Legislative Council the Estimates for the coming year, but in view of the extraordinary length of the speech a brief summary of its main features will, we think, be appreciated by busy men who, while eager to learn how the Colony stands in this time of commercial depression, and what the Governor's view of the future is, are yet obliged to defer the perusal of the solid columns of printed matter for the leisure hour which come when the day's work is completed. We have first to note that instead of having a surplus of \$49,350 at the end of the current year as was anticipated when the last Estimates were framed, the Government now anticipates a debit balance of \$581,040. The revenue for the current year is expected to fall short of the estimate by \$152,000, while the expenditure is calculated to exceed the estimate by \$478,000. But it is satisfactory to note that His Excellency anticipates next year's revenue to be larger than the amount of ordinary revenue estimated for the current year. As regards Extraordinary Revenue, a sum of \$98,000 is set down as the product of the extra tax on shipping, and there will be available a sum of \$412,300 representing the Civil Servants Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund which has just been transferred to the Government. His Excellency, clearly impressed upon the Council that though he had included it in the estimate of available funds, this sum is in

the nature of a loan to tide the Government over its difficulties, as he accepted the view that it would be a mistake to impose additional taxation while the Colony is not yet free from the heavy depression which has reduced the Colonial revenue. Dealing with the Estimate of Revenue under its various heads, it was pointed out that no reduction has been made in the anticipated receipts from the opium trade. His Excellency is still in correspondence with the Secretary of State on this subject, the question not yet having reached any final solution. Dealing with Expenditure, His Excellency pointed out that the fall in exchange had had a large share in the deficits. Last year's estimates were framed on the basis of an exchange of 2/- for salaries and 2/1 for all other items payable in sterling. Next year's are framed on the basis of 1/9.

Incidentally the Governor mentioned that he had inquired very particularly into the efficiency of the Observatory, and in order to ensure that the instruments were of the best and that the relations of the Observatory with those of Manila and Shanghai were most cordial, as the Director assured the Governor they were, His Excellency purposes that the Director shall pay a visit to each of these Observatories to see their instruments and get in close touch with their Directors. An interesting announcement was also made on the Third Judge question. His Excellency has taken the popular view that a third Judge is not immediately required, but an arrangement has been made that the Judge of the Supreme Court, Shanghai, shall visit Hongkong twice a year to sit as an Appeal Judge here. His Excellency made some very interesting remarks with regard to the Military Contribution, without holding out hope of a reduction. The speech also furnished information with regard to the progress of the railway work at Kowloon, and incidentally showed that a difference of opinion exists among experts as to the stability of the larger bridges. His conclusion was inspiring. It focussed the hopeful views of commercial men and trade experts and justified the optimism with which His Excellency looked from a gloomy period to the roseate future.

Reports of the Y.M.C.A. Sports and of an interesting case at the Supreme Court appear on page 7.

Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan received the Maharajah of Sikkim, and Lieut-General Sir Reginald Pole-Carew on the 18th inst.

Another typhoon warning has been received from Manila. Yesterday the American Consulate General informed us that a telegram had been received from Manila as follows: "Cyclone or typhoon west of Mindoro, moving W.N.W."

Inspector R. Fenton, of the Hongkong Police, has just been confirmed in his appointment to that rank. For almost two years he has been acting inspector. Yesterday at the Magistrate Mr. Kemp congratulated Inspector Fenton on his promotion.

Captain Stallard of the steamer Glenlochy charged a sampan-man at Hankow with stealing from his cabin a gold watch and \$25 in notes. The property was found by the Captain in the prisoner's possession. Prisoner, nevertheless denied the charge. He was sentenced in the Mixed Court to receive 500 blows of the bamboo.

The following gentlemen have consented to lecture at the Y.M.C.A. rooms during the coming season:—Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Dr. J. C. Thomson, Dr. R. A. Bellier, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. W. T. R. Preston, Dr. A. P. Wilder, Mr. Bellamy Brown, Rev. C. Ross, Mr. R. A. Lowry, Capt. F. A. Brown, Mr. S. Kingsbury, Rev. C. H. Hildling, Mr. S. T. Dunn and Mr. J. C. Jonathan.

Yesterday morning the Kowloon Dock Company launched the second of the West River patrol gunboats built to the order of the Provincial Government of Canton. A large company attended the interesting ceremony, and as the vessel took the water she was christened "Kiang Chi" by Mrs. Gresson. The usual complimentary speeches followed, the address of Admiral Li being interpreted by Mr. Fung Wa Chun.

Mr. Charles Kliene still remains at Hoikow as Commissioner of Customs. When the Chinese merchants recently declared a boycott by way of expressing their objection to certain modifications made by the Commissioner in the harbour regulations, they conceived that it would result in the removal of the Commissioner from the post. The boycott has entirely broken down and the local Chinese officials who went out of their way to plague Mr. Kliene would be removed are now suffering from "loss of face."

**THE CHARTERED BANK DIVIDEND.**

The local office of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China yesterday received a telegram from the London office advising that an interim dividend has been declared for the past half year to 30th June, 1908, at 13 per cent. p.a. free of income tax.

## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

## THE PARIS TELEPHONE FIRE.

London, September 22nd.

The great telephone fire in Paris has paralysed the life of the city. Business men are compelled to have recourse to the telegraph, which is also damaged, telegrams to London being sent via New York.

It is hoped shortly to resume the international services, but weeks are expected to elapse before there can be even a provisional restoration of general telephone communication.

## CHOLERA IN MANILA.

London, September 22nd.

There were fifty-eight cases of cholera in Manila on Sunday.

Public festivities in the town are not now permitted. Two hundred police have been told off to assist the sanitary officers.

## THE EULENBERG CASE.

London, September 22nd.

Prince Eulenberg has been released in consequence of ill health.

## CHINESE IN CANADA.

London, September 22nd.

Ottawa reports that Chinese have been discovered entering Canada from Mexico, fraudulently certified as merchants, thereby evading the head tax. It is estimated that the government has been defrauded of thirty thousand pounds sterling.

## THE LOCK-OUT IN LANCASHIRE.

London, September 22nd.

Four hundred and ninety Lancashire mills have stopped work. About one hundred are still working, though some are on short time.

## THE RUSSIAN BUDGET.

London, September 22nd.

The Russian Budget estimates the ordinary revenue at 2476 million roubles, and the expenditure at 2473 million.

## THE "PAUL BEAU" AFFAIR.

REPORT BY THE CHINESE POLICE OFFICER.

The following is a translation of a report sent to Viceroy Chang by Colonel Lai Chan Hoi:—

"The hiding places of many crafty pirates and robbers have hitherto been traced by your humble servant. Hongkong and Macao are two of the principal places where they find refuge and watch carefully for opportunities to return secretly to Chinese territory for plunder and brigandage. Immediately after committing piracy or robbery these miscreants make off to Hongkong or Macao by steamer and conceal themselves there."

"I have frequently sent officers and soldiers to the above-mentioned ports to spy and search for pirates. On the night of the 18th day of this moon (14th instant) at about 9 p.m. I received a telegram from Hongkong informing me that the following six notorious pirates, viz: Mak Mo Kwa Chau, Ho Ng Chai, Tai Taa Kan, Liu Ko, Tai Lo, Chan Ah Kua and Tang Ah Cheung, were proceeding to Canton by the s.s. "Paul Beau" with the intention of plundering."

"At about 10 p.m. on the same evening I instructed petty officer Mak Chan Wing of No. 8 Regiment to inform the French Consul about the matter, and request the Consul to notify the Chairman of the French Municipal Council and the Agent of the s.s. "Paul Beau."

"The Agent's Manager personally handed a letter to Captain Chan San Pan and told him to deliver it personally to the Captain of the "Paul Beau" on the morning of the 15th instant.

"On the 15th instant the "Paul Beau" steamed into the Harbour and before she dropped anchor "Chan San Pan boarded her and delivered the Agent's letter to the Captain, who, after reading it, gave Chan San Pan permission to arrest the pirates. The Captain accompanied Chan San Pan down to the 'twain deck where the pirates were arrested. After having put them in irons Chan San Pan ordered the soldiers to remove them to a boat. The Captain witnessed the arrest of the five pirates and consented to them being removed from the steamer to a small boat."

"While the boat was leaving for shore the French Vice-Consul suddenly appeared on the scene, roaring like a loose tiger unchecked, jumped into the small boat, pushed Captain Chan San Pan aside, and flourished his walking stick as if about to make use of it to strike somebody. He immediately caused the five pirates to be released and put back on board the "Paul Beau." It was in convenient for us to dispute with the Vice-Consul at the time."

"The above is a full account of what occurred during the arrest of the pirates whom we had removed from the steamer to a small boat and were subsequently released and put back in the steamer by the Vice-Consul."

## TRADING IN CATS.

The exported has happened. A Chinaman was found hawking cats the other night at Hongkong and he explained to the magistrate before whom he was brought yesterday that he was not selling cats. Having heard that the Sanitary Board wished the Chinese to keep cats he was distributing a number of them. Mr. Kemp, however, refused to be impressed by this explanation and imposed a fine of \$4 or ten days.

## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday in the Council Chamber.

**PRESIDENT.**—HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN DESALBERT, LUARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

**COLONEL DARLING, R. E. (General Officer Commanding).**

**Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).**

**Hon. Mr. W. REES DAVIES K.C. (Attorney-General).**

**Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).**

**Hon. Mr. W. CHATMAN C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).**

**Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Registrar-General).**

**Hon. F. J. BADELTY, (Captain Superintendent of Police).**

**Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.**

**Hon. Mr. Wei Yee, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.**

**Hon. Mr. MURRAY STEWART.**

**Hon. Mr. H. A. W. SLADE.**

**Hon. Mr. W. J. GREGG, (Clerk of Council).**

**MINUTES.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed.

**FINANCIAL MINUTES.**

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes (Nos. 44 to 54) and moved that they be referred to the Financial Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the motion was agreed to.

**FINANCIAL.**

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 15) and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

**PAPERS.**

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the following papers:—Draft estimates of revenue and expenditure for the year 1909; Financial Statement in connection with the estimates; Abstract showing differences between the estimates for 1908 and 1909; Report of the Director of Public Works for the year 1907-1908; Report on the assessment for the year 1908-1909; Report on the typhoon of 27-28th July, 1908.

**A VOTE OF CENSURE MOVED.**

Hon. Mr. STEWART—I rise to move that—

"In the opinion of this Council the reasons given in the House of Commons on the 28th July by the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies in explanation of the pecuniary nature of the order issued to your Excellency on the 6th May are unsatisfactory."

The reasons referred to were given in the debate on the Colonial Office vote. The full report of that debate, received here during the recess, has no doubt been read with interest by every member of this Council, and some of us, indeed most residents, have felt grateful to Mr. Lytton for having recalled the point of our original protest so clearly and for having supported it so effectively. His reference to the Colony was in these terms (I quote from *The Times*):—

"In carrying out the resolution of the House for the discontinuance of the opium traffic, it was presumed by every one who took part in that debate that any action taken by the Government would be deliberate and cautious, and in particular that they would seek to enlist the co-operation of the authorities of the Colonies."

Unless he was misinformed there had been a grievous departure from that wholesome rule in Hongkong.

He was informed that a telegram was sent by the Secretary of State on May 6th saying to the Colony of Hongkong that His Majesty's Government had decided to close the opium establishments in Hongkong. That telegram reached Hongkong three hours before the statement was made public in the House of Commons, and therefore before any information was advanced as to the policy on the matter. Absolutely no previous consultation had taken place, so far as he was informed, and no opinion taken of the members of the Legislative Council.

He hoped there would be some explanation given of this apparently high-handed proceeding.

The explanation offered by the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies was as follows:—

"With reference to the complaint that we took action without consulting the authorities of Hongkong, although they did their best to ascertain the views of the people, it was quite impossible to get anything like a reasoned opinion from the inhabitants of Hongkong."

Sir, I think it is not to be wondered at if Hongkong inhabitants find that a hard saying. The impression which it is calculated to create is obviously an unfavourable impression. The words "quite impossible" are not words which one could take it for a compliment. Anyone might take it as a slight at the very least, it is open to misconstruction; it is not even clear.

Who did their best? His Majesty's Ministers, or the Hongkong Authorities? There is room for just that much ambiguity owing to the speech being reported in the third person. But this ambiguity is not really significant for His Majesty's Ministers, who really seek to ascertain the views of the people through the Hongkong Authorities. When and how did His Majesty's Ministers thus do their best? The telegram which they caused to be sent on the 6th May contained no reference to the views of the people.

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"I agreed with that policy, but what I said was that every person of sense presumed that ordinary steps had been taken. That would make the policy palatable."

Upon this the Under Secretary said:—"The ordinary steps could not be taken for the reason given"—presumably, that is, because it was impossible to get a reasoned opinion from the inhabitants. And yet, notwithstanding this, he proceeded to say that "the ordinary steps were now being taken."

Apparently "the reason given" suddenly ceased to be operative. It is all a little puzzling.

First the admission is made that the issue of the order in question, without previously consulting the authorities of Hongkong, was an extraordinary step to take; next it is claimed that this extraordinary step was justifiable because it was quite impossible to get anything like a reasoned opinion from the inhabitants; and then refuge is taken in an assurance, that henceforth the action of His Majesty's Ministers will be guided by the advice received from your Excellency. To those of us who have confidence that the advice offered by your Excellency will give due weight to the reasoned opinion of the inhabitants, it appears that, after all, His Majesty's Ministers will probably be found availing themselves, in some measure, of the very thing that the Under Secretary of State said it was impossible to get.

But, Sir, no sooner had he said this than he seemed to relent for almost in the next breath he claimed on behalf of the Government the support of "the best opinion in Hongkong."

The inference is that though a reasoned opinion is impossible to get, the kind obtainable is divisible into degrees of comparison. Of these, that which supports the action of the Government is the best. Naturally, but then the best cannot be obtained, showing the worth anything. This Sir, is the explanation which I have ventured to describe as unsatisfactory. And when I realise that I have so described it, I am amazed at my own moderation.

Sir, in the House of Commons, owing to the limited time at the disposal of private members, it is the custom to ballot for the privilege of bringing forward resolutions dealing with matters of public interest, and it seemed to have just occurred to me that Mr. Lytton was a player for his opinion resolution, as he might have won a doll in a raffish at a bazaar.

Up to this time the opinion policy of the Government had been conducted with commendable deliberation. Committed to it by the passing of a former resolution in May, 1907, they had contented themselves with concluding an arrangement for the reduction of the Indian export, and their insistent enquiries in Ceylon and Singapore as to the best method for discouraging the use of the drug.

Judging by the fact that they did nothing definite here, it was natural to suppose they realised that there was no necessity for drastic measures, inasmuch as the gradual cessation of the Indian trade would, if China kept faith, automatically entail the extinction of the opium habit in this colony.

But when they found themselves suddenly faced with the problem of securing the complete cessation of the opium traffic, they evidently feared to offend the powerful following of the English anti-opium agitators by opposing it, they became anxious for tactical reasons to erode the impression that they were already pursuing an active policy in all directions, and very especially in the direction of being driven into action.

They therefore hurriedly formulated the recommendations of the resolution with regard to Hongkong by despatching the telegram of the 6th May. The message was sent in order that its despatch and terms might be effectively announced in the debate on the opium resolution. As a tactical move it was well calculated. The desired effect was produced. The announcement brought down the House. Cheers greeted it. The Government scored. From a practical point of view the main object of the opium policy was not advanced, yet the "ordinary steps" were now being taken. Despatches, reports, consultation, compromise. But the main object of the telegram was achieved. As I said, the Government scored. That reduced to simple narrative form, is I believe what the reasoned opinion of Hongkong holds to be the history of this, apparently high-handed proceeding. We could not understand it at the time, because its comparatively harmless nature was obscured in the first instance by the news agencies' interpretation, the "word-forthwith" into the order to close the traffic, and because of other obscurities. But that, it now seems clear, is why the ordinary steps were not taken; that, and not the reason given by the Under Secretary. This explanation at least fits the facts, and by the light of them the reasons given by the Under Secretary are seen to fall to the ground, and to lie in a confused heap, forming stumbling blocks, instead of "ordinary steps" towards making the policy of the Government palatable.

I cannot understand a better way of making the policy palatable in this Colony than by offering reflections on our good name in defence of methods due to the exigencies of debate. The policy will be made more or less palatable according as the belief grows or loses ground that it is dictated by high motives that those who are associated with it are really sincere. The more we are convinced of this, the less we are inclined to adopt Sir Henry Blake's expression, shall we kick?

Of course, the Under Secretary could not be expected to explain the matter in this way. But surely he ought never to have come within measurable distance of setting up such a clumsy indictment to do duty as an excuse. No doubt it is open to anyone to contend that you cannot get a reasoned opinion from any large number of people. But I submit that it could only be availed of as in the sense in which it would be true of almost any community. In one sense it would be true of London or Liverpool, Manchester or Glasgow. But I think that no politician would be likely to make a similar remark about the inhabitants of any English, Scotch or Irish town. He would be likely to hear about it if he did.

As we have already seen, we are so far away our susceptibilities need not be so carefully considered. But, considering that the Government has taken the trouble to make any fortune impression for any Under Secretary of State for the Colonies to create, it might have been expected that he would be careful to avoid making remarks calculated to arouse resentment in even the most distant of the communities with which he has to be officially connected. But perhaps we shall be told that he did not say it, that he said something quite different, that the reporter is to blame. Or, maybe, a meaning will be read into the text which will help the Under Secretary.

out. This has already been done by editors and others who like most of the rest of us here have found it, as an explanation, inexplicable. In the meantime, as the statement stands reported in the columns of *The Times* for all men to read, it seems to me that it is the duty of the Unofficial Members of this Council to challenge it, and I therefore look to my colleagues to support me in voting for the resolution, which I have designed for that purpose and which I now move.

Hon. Mr. WILKINSON seconded the motion.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—With reference to the resolution moved by the hon. member for the Chamber of Commerce, I would point out that, *despatched* for July 28th, of the Imperial Parliament, this is not a resolution of the Colony, and we have not therefore any authentic record of the actual words used by the Under Secretary for the Colonies. The resolution refers to reports in the local press. I am not aware whether any of these reports were copied from the verbatim shorthand notes in the House of Commons, but next to the Imperial *Times*, the authority which is usually accepted as the highest is the *Times* of London, and that report, as the hon. member pointed out, is a third person report, and does not purport to give the actual words used. However, that may be, assuming the *Times* report to be fairly correct, I must say I did not place upon it when I read it quite the same interpretation as the hon. member who moved the resolution. The statement that it was impossible to obtain a reasoned opinion from Hongkong appeared to me to obviously mean that it was impossible to obtain it in the time which was available between the succession of the new Secretary of State to office and the date on which the Colonial Estimates were brought forward in the House of Commons. The new Government assumed office on April 16th. The Colonial Estimates were to be debated on May 6th, and then, I presume, under instructions from the new Secretary of State for the Colonies, he had been decided that the presentment should be made of the policy of the reconstructed Cabinet. I do not therefore think that the phrase was intended to have the meaning that Hongkong was incapable of giving a reasoned opinion, but rather that there was not time to get a reasoned opinion before the debate came on. Further, the statement made by the Under Secretary for the Colonies, which I have just quoted, showed that he was not aware that any steps had been taken to obtain the views either of the Government, or of the people of Hongkong prior to May 6th, but perhaps more light may be thrown upon this by some further communication from the Secretary of State, or perhaps, as the hon. member suggested, it may be that the statement was incorrectly reported. Later on, I should be glad to see an announcement of the Government, which would be a statement of the policy of the Government, and which would be a statement of the policy of the Government, and which would be a statement of the policy of the Government.

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making a large haul upon the reserve labour resources of local contractors. While struggling with the extra work thus entailed the Colony was visited by a severe typhoon which impressed itself forcibly upon a great number of houses in the town, and left almost every house at the Peak calling loudly for immediate repairs. This was the 28th July, as yet all have reason to remember. From that time onwards for a month and more it was notoriously impossible to execute repairs with any degree of rapidity and it must have been the experience of everybody whose house or premises stood in need of mending that he had to wait. Nobody liked it, because severe typhoons were distinctly reported about this time and the prospect of being caught by one was, under the circumstances, distinctly disquieting. But most people took a reasonable view of the position and, realising that every nerve was being strained by the architects and contractors, put their tempers under restraint and exercised the virtue of patience. It was therefore with something like amazement that we read one day in the papers of the issue of a large number of summonses upon property owners for failure to carry out repairs. I have been informed that during this very period the former requires the matter of repairs. I have been informed that as many as 29 were issued in one day calling upon property owners to appear at the Police Court. I think on the 21st August. It is just this kind of inconsiderate proceeding which rouses the ire of the general public and brings the Administration into disrepute. In particular it irritates the lives of property owners and loads them with a burden which is altogether unnecessary. When this new Act was passed it was pointed out on all hands and in this Council that its success mainly depended upon the spirit in which its provisions were applied. In the debate on the Third Reading I had the temerity to express the hope that the powers entrusted to the Building Authority would be used with discretion. I understood Your Excellency to assure this Council and through this Council the community, that it was the Government's desire to avoid unnecessary friction in carrying out the provisions of the Act, and Sir, the fact that on this matter being represented to you most of those summonses were promptly withdrawn, shows that you agreed with the general sense of the community in thinking that they were unnecessary. In spite of the assurances of Your Excellency, and apparently without the knowledge and consent of the higher officials of the Government, suggests a weak link in the chain of responsibility, and with the idea of seeking to remedy this defect, in the only way that lies open to the Official Members of this Council, namely, by drawing particular attention to the work of the Building Authority in this connection. I have the honour to inform this Council that the action of the Building Authority in instituting on a large scale criminal proceedings against property owners for failure to comply with the requirements of the law under circumstances which in the majority of cases, rendered compliance impracticable.

Hon. Mr. SEADE:—I beg to second this resolution. The hon. member who represents the Chamber of Commerce has very fully dealt with the subject in his remarks, and there is no occasion for me to amplify them. Under the Public Health and Building Ordinances as amended, very large powers were given to the Building Authority under which he could either strictly enforce the terms of the Ordinance or in the exercise of his discretion grant certain modifications. This is the first instance in which this discretion might very well have been wisely exercised, and it is a pity that it was not. The Building Authority, in pointing to the fact that the power given to him, moreover it does not inspire much confidence in the way in which we look for the future. I know, Sir, it is your wish that this Ordinance should be interpreted liberally, and in a broad-minded manner. I can only hope some way will be found so that those who are directly connected with the administration of the Ordinance shall in future more effectively carry out your intentions.

The Director of Public Works:—I beg to submit there are not sufficient grounds to justify the adoption of this resolution by this Council. In support of this I have had a statement prepared which has been laid before the Council. It shows the number of notices issued and the number that were complied with during the period to which these notices were referred to. It shows that notwithstanding the rain storm and the typhoon, of the notices issued, practically three-fourths were complied with and of those issued subsequent to the date of the typhoon quite two thirds were complied with. That, I think, disposes of the argument that it was impossible to get work of this kind carried out. If anything further was required in support of that I would point out that the period allowed in the case of the typhoon was less than that in the case of those issued prior to that date. The second of the resolution has referred to the large powers given to the Building Authority and to the powers of modification more particularly. This matter before the Council, I submit, Sir, has nothing to do with any powers of modification. The summonses related to matters which dealt with the maintenance of various properties. They did not deal with anything in which the Building Authority, myself, has power of modification. I would point out, Sir, that in no case, except in the course of a verbal conversation with Mr. Shelton Hooper, was any representation made to me that there was any difficulty in carrying out any of these notices. No one sent in any statement asking for a longer period in which to fulfil them, and no communication of any kind was received beyond the mere request of Mr. Hooper, to the effect that might be done to stop for a period the issue of these notices. I therefore submit that there are no grounds for the adoption of this resolution.

Hon. Mr. GIBSON:—Sir, with reference to the remarks of the Hon. Director of Public Works, I should think that his own words are the strongest recommendation for the passing of this resolution. The figures which clearly state that the number of summonses issued and the number complied with is satisfactory. It seems to me, therefore that in Hongkong, and I know it is so, everybody is extremely anxious to comply with all reasonable recommendations of the Building or any other authority, and this was done, as the Director of Public Works himself shows. He also referred to the fact that no direct communication was made to him or that he was not asked for

any period of grace. I should say the answer to that is obvious. No such request was made to him because obviously nobody expected summonses at that particular period (Hear, hear). I think that is all I need say on that point, and it very much strengthens and does not weaken the resolution as proposed.

The resolution was put, the official members voting against it and the unofficial members for it.

His Excellency declared the motion lost by seven votes to five.

RAILWAY BRIDGES.

Hon. Mr. MURRAY STEWART:—I beg to ask the question standing in my name.

The question was:

"With reference to reports which have appeared in the local Press concerning the alleged unsatisfactory state of some of the stone railway bridges under construction in Kowloon and the New Territory, have the Government any information to impart?"

The Colonial Secretary replied:—Such information as the Government are able to give on this subject will presently be communicated to the Council in the Governor's Speech when introducing the Estimates.

THE ESTIMATES.

The Colonial Secretary:—Sir, I rise to move the first reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million five hundred and seventy thousand four hundred and twenty-seven dollars to the Public Service of the year 1909.

In connection with it I beg to lay on the table the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1909. Financial Statement in connection with the Estimates; Abstract showing differences between the Estimates for 1908-1909.

The Colonial Treasurer:—Sir, I have the honour to inform the Council that I have dealt with the Estimates for the coming year. I will invite your attention to the Financial Statement in connection with them; which has been laid upon the table. From this you will see that the balance of Assets on December 31st, 1907, stood at \$1,544,175, while the estimated balance on the 31st December, 1908, is \$661,126 only, owing to the fact that a debit balance of \$881,149 is anticipated to accrue from the working of the current year. I will first explain how this deficit—which is the excess of the revised estimate of expenditure over the revised estimate of revenue—has arisen. In fact since we anticipated a surplus of \$49,369 our total falling of really amounts to \$630,480. This large sum is in round figures accounted for as follows:—We expect to realise \$32,000 less revenue than we estimated. There is an increase of about \$38,000 in the total of ordinary revenue, but a deficit of \$19,000 in land sales. The expenditure of the year is, on the other hand, about \$478,000 more than we estimated for. The chief items are as follows:—Contribution to Flood Relief Fund, \$30,000; Typhoon Damage, \$100,000; extra estimate, exclusive of harbour, and inclusive of cost of labour and material due also to floods, \$101,600; (a) Balance of expenditure savings Public Works Department \$24,000. (b) Spent on Typhoon Refuge and Causeway Bay, in excess of estimate, \$180,000; excess of expenditure over savings on Public Works Extraordinary, Budget \$15,000, and for deepening Causeway Bay \$10,000. \$48,000. And of this loss on exchange, estimated at 2/ and 2 1/2, \$80,000, and we have a total of \$478,000.

As these are only approximate forecasts I do not trouble you with details of the excesses and savings either Public Works Recurrent or Public Works Extraordinary. The former, varying from year to year, sometimes showing a small excess, sometimes a small saving, cannot be estimated with exactitude. In the case of the latter, every excess on expenditure not estimated for has been fully explained to the Council and a vote taken for it at the time. The savings which have been effected have not been at the expense of the Law Courts and Post Office, which have been pushed on as far as possible. They amount to \$5,000, of which the postponement of Queen's Statue Pier, and of part of the work of raising the Causeway Bay, the remaining \$4,000 being on survey and construction of the pier. When the year is completed and the accounts finally made up full information can be given on these matters.

The balance of assets at the close of 1907 stood at \$1,544,247, and this deficit will reduce them to \$661,126, which we anticipate will represent the amount of our reserves at the end of the current year. You will, no doubt, observe that out of the total sum which will have to be debited to the reserve, viz. \$881,000, about \$200,000 is on account of the typhoon refuge which, in my statement on the subject, I said we should have to charge part against our Reserves. I trust that the remaining quarter of this year will show an improvement in revenue and that this estimated deficit may prove to be an excessive forecast.

ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR.

I turn now to the estimates for next year. When I introduced the Estimates last year I had to express regret that the revenue showed a progressive decrease. I am glad to say that we anticipate that we shall realise in 1909 a somewhat larger total than the amount estimated for the current year. I refer, of course, to ordinary revenue, exclusive of special light dues, widows and orphans fund, and land sales. The estimated increase is \$125,946, of which about \$92,000 is accounted for by new sources of revenue or increases in the previous duties, etc. Nevertheless, there is a small increase of \$43,900, and I trust that this increase, however small, may be an augury that we have turned the corner and seen the worst year of the depression. Still I must remind you that our Estimated Revenue for 1909 is \$3,838,834 less than the realized ordinary revenue of 1907, itself a year of decline by 2.7 from the previous year. In other words, the revenue for next year is \$656,344 less than 1906, which represents the high water mark of our prosperity. In the decennial period, however, previous to 1906, the gross revenue rose by the amazing figure of 28 1/2 per cent. nearly 29 per cent—and we must not therefore regard it as too serious a matter that our estimated revenue for next year shows a decline of 8.6 from the highest we have realized. I have been speaking of ordinary revenue.

When we look at the figures for Extraordinary Revenue we see that Land Sales, from which we normally expect to realise about \$300,000, only realised \$189,750 in 1907, and we are only estimating \$110,000 in the current year. I have put the figure for 1909 at \$200,000, but I must not forget to mention that the land sales and land sales are the index of the financial barometer. There are two other items under the head of estimated revenue for next year, and both merit a special reference: \$23,000 is set down as the product of the extra amount levied on shipping with the object of constructing the new typhoon refuge. This is appropriated to the work with an additional contribution from the Government, under Public Works Extraordinary. It represents not merely the product of the extra cent

levied on ocean shipping but also the extra dues levied on day and night entries of river steamers. It is put under extraordinary revenue. The Secretary of State and War Office have agreed to exempt from military contribution. There is also a sum of \$412,860 of which \$371,500 represents the invested capital taken over by the Government from the Widows and Orphans Fund, while \$40,800 represents the contributions during the year. The debate on the Ordinance which transferred this fund to the Government is a reference on this occasion. The sum of money which it places at the disposal of the Government is the capital fund, the interest on which in addition to the annual contributions goes to pay the annual charges for pensions. This sum of \$371,500 is therefore in the nature of a loan, viz. the interest upon it in future years in the form of pensions will have to be met out of current revenue. It should therefore theoretically be invested in some remunerative work which would benefit the colony and at the same time produce a sum equivalent to the interest to meet the new charge upon the revenues. Seeing however that we have to meet a deficit this year larger than the capital sum, I would only have to treat it by imposing new taxation to the full amount of this capital sum. I believe, and those whose advice I have sought, have urged upon me that to impose taxation at this moment when we are not yet free from the heavy depression which has so long afflicted the colony is a mistake. There is therefore a reason for supposing that such an increase of taxation would be permanently required. I have prepared therefore to include in the estimate of available funds to meet next year's liabilities, as was done with the Praya Reclamation Fund, etc., but I feel it my duty to point out to you that it is, as I have said, in the nature of a loan to tide us over our difficulties and that we are liable for the interest upon it in the future. The same applies to the contributions in so far as they exceed the liabilities of the pension list. These contributions aggregate \$46,800 while the pensions and expenses of the Fund are estimated in 1909 at \$5,500 and we are, moreover, relieved of the sum of \$18,500, \$20,000 being the interest we think payable on the fund and equivalent of exchange, hitherto thrown under Miscellaneous Services. Our total liability therefore amounts to \$421,800. For so long as the pensions are less than the estimated annual liabilities, for so long as we are bringing at the expense of posterity, though when the position is reversed, we have to provide the difference to make good the pensions out of our annual revenue. But I confess I do not look for any sympathy with posterity from the taxpayers of the present day, who are sore put to it to meet the exigencies of the present depression, but I can find some justification in the notion that we are to-day paying the full interest on the funds borrowed for railway construction instead of accumulating capital account as is not unduly done. These general considerations are of such paramount importance in considering our yearly budget that I have not hesitated to occupy some time in discussing them.

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE.

I turn now to the Estimate of Revenue under its various heads. I do not propose to go into great detail in the matter for the printed Estimates, with their fully explanatory notes and appendices, speak for themselves and are designed to give the full and complete information of every item and decrease both in revenue and in expenditure. It would be an insult to your intelligence and an unnecessary waste of time for me to repeat information already at your disposal. I have therefore confined my remarks to such points as I think may be of real use to you in studying the estimates placed before you. You will, I regret to say, note a decrease in the estimate of the amounts which are expected to be produced under most heads. This has necessitated the imposition of some few increased taxes under certain heads, which after most careful consideration I have thought it possible to be. Such are the increased dues on lighters, cargo and waterboats, an increase of \$17,000; and Emigration House while the operation of the Companies Local Register Act is estimated to bring in \$20,000. In spite of these new impositions the total under this head is still less, by \$15,493 than the estimate for the current year. Stamp duties, due to depressed trade, are estimated to produce less than this year, but I am taking steps to raise their more complete and thorough collection which will bring them up to the same total.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

You will observe that except for a small and negligible decrease in the dividend, no reduction has been made in the anticipated receipts from the opium trade. Any decrease therefore which may occur in consequence of the policy of His Majesty's Government remains unprovided for, and if there is no surplus at the end of 1908, they must be met by special taxation from the colony's reserves, or in some other way. I am in correspondence with the Secretary of State on this subject and the investigations which have been conducted here have taken a long time and the question has not reached any final solution, so that it has been impossible for me to deal with it in the estimates. If there had been any surplus however small, of revenue over expenditure it would have been incumbent upon me to consider whether a part of it should not be set aside to meet any possible liability on this account instead of devoting it to public works, but as a matter of fact, after providing for only such works as we are already committed to and a few minor works of urgency, there is not only no surplus at all but an excess of expenditure over revenue of \$72,170. In these circumstances the question of the diminution of receipts from opium in consequence of the telegrams which I received from the Secretary of State and read to this Council does not arise. The consequence is not directly involved in the Bill now before you. I hope however at an early date to lay papers before you and to make a statement on this subject which will afford the unofficial members any opportunity they may desire of expressing their views.

Class 2 of Revenue shows an increase of \$41,404 which would have been augmented to \$58,404 if the \$17,000 for postal transit charges referred to had not been met by special taxation from a departmental credit under the new Colonial Regulations and has therefore been deducted from postal expenditure, instead of being shown as a credit under the revenue subject to the military contribution. There is an increase of \$5,000 under Gunpowder Storage due to a fuller use being made of the very fine depot at Green Island which cost this colony a large sum of money and has been little used in consequence of the danger to private ware houses which has been licensed. In order to meet the cost of the new emigration sub-department in the Registrar General's office, and also to meet our needs for general purposes, the fees for the medical examination of emigrants have been increased and this is calculated to yield an increase of \$22,000. There is also an increase of fees in the Government schools and Technical Institute and this is estimated to

bring in altogether an increase of \$21,650, but this increase cannot be said to have been imposed for revenue purposes. It is rather a natural result of increased facilities for education which have resulted in a great increase in the number of pupils, and it may be regarded as a set-off against increased expenditure on education. The decrease in the fees for medical treatment, owing to fewer patients in hospital is the one solitary decrease upon which I can congratulate the Council. I am compelled to add, however, that the opening of the Matilda Hospital and the decrease of paying patients. The more we spend on training nurses and sanitation, etc., the more we may expect to see our revenue from this source decline and the health of the colony improve. The large rise in timber sales, \$8,700, is due to the inauguration of felling operations which, now that the timber has matured in certain areas, has become possible. The scheme is to fell strips of timber annually during a cycle of 25 to 30 years so that when the last strip or block has been felled the earliest in rotation is again ready. The increased estimate from this source should therefore be permanent, but I do not feel certain that it has not been an optimistic estimate. The increase in sales of vaccine is one which I am especially glad to note since it indicates an increase of vaccination among the Chinese. In Class 3 there is nothing very special to note except the satisfactory collection of the rent in the New Territory. During the year I have been in the Colony I have found no subject of greater interest than the land settlement in the New Territories and I have been impressed alike with the ability shown by the project Assistant Colonial Secretary in the original assessment and the tact and energy and discrimination of his successors, Messrs Messer and Halliday, who have made the collection a smoother task than it was in the past. The Government prior to 1898. Yet it is paid with alacrity and has been so justly assessed that no hardship or discontent is felt by the people. It is well, perhaps, for this Council to have occasionally the opinion of a Governor who comes new to the Colony and has had experience of works of this class and who can estimate the value that it owes to the ability and work of some of its junior officials. Neither the principal nor the annual contributions for the Widows and Orphans Fund in Class V are subject to Military Contribution and therefore they appear under the head of Extraordinary Revenue or "below the line" as the phrase is. The total estimate of revenue, ordinary and extraordinary, stands at \$8,708,998, an increase of \$431,106 over gross expenditure for last year.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.

I come now to the estimate of expenditure for 1909. It stands at \$8,834,166, an increase of \$608,835 over the estimate for last year which, in round figures, is accounted for as follows:—The fall in exchange has had so large a share in our deficits in the current year that it means an increase in salaries only, as compared with the total for 1906 of \$156,278, new posts \$13,128, incremental rises \$22,480, increases of salary and allowances \$10,677, less small savings on various items \$9,923, equals \$441,563.

Capital expenditure on Public Works Extraordinary \$215,700, less saving on Public Works Recurrent \$4,500 and of \$47,850 on special expenditure, amounts to \$167,250. The military contribution is increased by \$25,161 and pensions by \$35,000, making together \$60,161, while the additional interest on loans for the railway comes to \$175,083 making a total of \$602,635. The loss by the fall in exchange is not of course confined to the items of salaries alone, but all payments have to be made in sterling and are consequently rendered more expensive. The increase under Public Works Extraordinary, because last year, on the best advice we felt justified in taking the rate of exchange at 2/ for sterling salaries and at 2 1/2 for all other items. I have been advised that it is not safe to base our calculations for next year at a higher uniform rate than 1/9. The increases in every department are due entirely to this cause. In the Registrar General's department it has become necessary to create a small emigration sub-department in order to bring the number of emigrants which had increased by 34 per cent in the ten years prior to 1907 and by 16 per cent over the previous year 1906, in consequence of the provision of the new ordinances which afford increased protection to assisted emigrants. The examination of this class is now transferred from the Harbour Office to the Registrar General's department, and the cost of the sub-department is \$5,123, which is very much more than covered by the additional fees for medical inspection. In the Treasury and there is nothing special to note. Under the Post Office you will observe that in spite of the reduction of mail subsidy by \$1,256 there is an increase of \$8,556, due to fall in exchange, while transit payments are increased by \$20,000. The question as to whether the receipts from postal agencies conducted by this Colony in China should be liable to military contribution is still under reference to the Secretary of State. The Imperial Treasury and the Municipality of Tientsin have between them guaranteed to refund the estimated loss on the working of that agency for the coming year and the Post Office will, therefore, I am glad to say, remain open. In the harbour department a special sum of \$3,550 has been provided for a buoy for the Coast rocks, and some small expense is incurred on account of the new light to be placed on Blackhead's hill. These steps will, it is hoped, assist navigation in the Harbour of which complaint was made when the cruiser "Flora" went aground. They are the result of correspondence with the Admiral and the report of the Special Committee, Registered in the Observatory. I cannot but feel that it is a very special duty to the Secretary of State to inquire very specially into the efficiency of this department. The Director assures me that his relations with other departments are most cordial and that he has the best of instruments. He is the only person who can express an opinion on the latter point, but in order to ensure both these points I propose that after the typhoon season in past he shall visit the observatory at Muntia and Shauki and see their instruments and get into touch with the director. Under "Miscellaneous" Government is received a total payment of \$10,000 on account of interest on the Widows and Orphans Fund. The sum of \$36,000 is retained on the Estimates for the redemption of subsidiary coining pending a final decision on this question. Considerable increases in salaries payable in sterling are due to fall in exchange. Under the vote for Land Office and Registry a new post has been created, and provision is made for the salary of a deputy clerk who will also undertake a duplicate of the registration. The necessity for this extra assistance has been strongly urged by the Chief Justice, and after careful inquiry, I have satisfied myself that it is necessary.

THE JUDICIARY.

Immediately on my arrival the Chief Justice represented to me the urgent necessity of a third judge, both in order to lighten the work of the judges and in order to form a

more effective Court of Appeal. I found that my predecessor had not considered that the necessity had been demonstrated and that the Secretary of State, after a full review of the argument put forward by the Chief Justice, had finally negatived the proposal. I felt myself that the existing Appeal Court, consisting of two judges only, of whom the Chief Justice had a casting vote, must necessarily be a farce, since it practically prohibited an appeal from a decision of the Chief Justice, unless it was intended to take the case to the Privy Council, a course prohibitive to any but very wealthy litigants. In this view I was supported by the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge, the Attorney General and the members of the Bar, but like my predecessor I have found the general opinion to be that, except for the purposes of an Appeal Court, a third judge was not immediately required. The cost involved, estimated at \$25,000 and all the difficulty of finding accommodation pending the completion of the new law Courts were additional reasons for deferring such an appointment. I suggested therefore that the judge of the Shanghai Court should visit Hongkong twice in a year and sit as an Appeal Judge here. In this proposal the Secretary of State and the Foreign Office have agreed, but I have only recently received the telegram, no provision appears in the Estimates. The cost is only \$22,750. We must, I think, regard this as only a temporary measure, for appeal work is sure to increase and will take up more time than the Shanghai Judge can spare. It will, I think, bridge over the time which must elapse before the new Law Courts are open, when, I hope, we will be in a position to afford a third judge.

Under Judicial and Legal, I have but few words to say. Under Officers, as also under Harbour Masters Department, there are a number of entries referring to boat painting. This is consequent on a change. I have recently made by which Government officers are now responsible for the painting of numbers on junks, and the duties have been properly organised under "Medical" provision is made for taking on the private nursing staff which will henceforth be incorporated with the Government Hospital staff. I have thought it unnecessary to replace the present assistant harbour master who desires to resign when his term of service expires in March, by a fully qualified Medical Officer. The other charges of this Institution which have been calculated on a somewhat liberal scale have also been considerably reduced.

THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

The re-organisation of the Sanitary Department consequent on the passing of the recent Bill is fully set out in the Appendix, and the general merits were fully described by me in introducing that Bill. I have thought it better to incorporate the Plague staff and Sanitary staff under one establishment, and those who distinguish were purely artificial, and those who have hitherto been designated as Plague staff are available for other duties in connection with plague or otherwise which may be assigned to them by the Head of the Department. A large increase, \$4,000, has been provided for rat poisoning. The total expenditure on the Sanitary department shows a saving of \$37,511, in spite of the loss by exchange and the creation of the new post of the Head of the Sanitary Department, against which must be set the cost of the Building Authority's staff and charges transferred to Public Works Department.

FORESTRY.

In the Forestry Department a Chinese head gardener has been employed in order to assist the Assistant Superintendent devoting more time to the forestry of the Colony from which we hope to obtain a revenue, and in order that he may be more competent to assist the Superintendent in that department when he is away.

EDUCATION.

In the Education vote there are a few new posts created for assistant masters or pupil teachers especially at Selyingpoo and Western, to meet the large increase of schools, which last year necessitated an expenditure to enlarge the premises of these Government schools. Three small schools are closed. Tungshingchow is amalgamated with Wansai, Yuen Long with Pingshan, and Shauki, which has never been opened, does not appear to be required as yet. A new one has been founded at Cheung Chau at the request of the people. There are various retrenchments, but a large increase of the sum payable under the Grant Code, \$9,378, an increase in the cost of the Technical Institute, as we propose to call the Evening Continuation Classes in future, from \$8,405 to \$12,605, together making a sum of \$13,983. Both increases devote a sound vote in education. The increase on the whole vote for Education over the last vote, apart from what is due to fall in exchange, is \$19,885, which is more than covered by the increase in fees, \$21,650. The total spent on education stands at \$232,139, namely 3.58 per cent of the ordinary revenue, as against an average for the last seven completed years of 2.47 per cent, and an estimated average of 3.41 per cent for the current year. If we, however, deduct from the expenditure on education the amount realised by fees, these averages become 1.77 for the seven years, 2.47 for the current year, and 2.63 for next year—the estimated revenue for 1909 being \$72,380 and the net cost of education \$159,759. The comparison, however, are vitiated by the varying rates of exchange, and if the increase in the vote for education is due to this cause we eliminate 1903 which is due to this cause or not out of your vote and find that the percentage of net cost of ordinary revenue is almost precisely the same as this year, namely 2.4. It is interesting to contrast these figures with the figures for the United Kingdom. Lord Onslow, speaking in the House of Lords on June 24, stated that in twenty years the expenditure on education has sextupled and is now nearly twenty millions. In the same period the amount raised locally for education had increased by 173 per cent. The United Kingdom is 12.8 per cent of the revenue of the United Kingdom, as against our 2.6 per cent. We may, I think, feel that this most important of all the functions of civilised

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government, is well attended to in this Colony, and that the last two years have shown therein a marked advance both in the number of pupils, and in the standard of education—of which the success of the Technical Institute is not the least valuable. The increase in attendance is not confined to the Government school but is common to all. We are gradually providing desks for all schools, avoiding overcrowding, and a considerable saving has been effected by making these in Hongkong.

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

The vote for Defence shows a small increase for the Military Contribution of \$25,610, owing to the improvement in our estimate of revenue for 1909 as compared with our estimate for this year. "The incidence of this contribution does not however fall as Mr. Chamberlain desired it should, so that in times of increased prosperity the Colony should be able to devote a large sum to its defence and in times of financial difficulty it should contribute less. The estimates before us are a good example of this: for while our revenue is estimated to increase by \$25,566 only, upon which we pay the additional cost I have referred to, our expenditure, less the Military Contribution, is increased by \$337,774, owing to the fall in exchange and the other reasons." I have already explained that although the balance of ordinary revenue and expenditure is \$447,000 to the b.d., we have an increased contribution to pay. It has seemed to me that a better means to attain the object Mr. Chamberlain had in view would be to take the difference between ordinary revenue and ordinary expenditure, which together with any estimated revenue from land sales, is the margin of balance which we have to devote to capital expenditure in Public Works Extraordinary and to devote half to the Military Contribution and half to Public Works extra ordinary. If that system were applied to the present year when we have a heavy automatic increase of expenditure to face, this contribution would be reduced from \$1,210,739 to \$782,944, which would only be 12.6 of the ordinary revenue, instead of 20 per cent, but in prosperous years it might similarly exceed 20 per cent. There are however serious difficulties, as I recognise, in the way of this proposal, and I have not as yet decided to propose it to the Secretary of State. The honourable member who represents the Chamber of Commerce, (Hon. Mr. Hewett), whose absence I should regret to-day were he not so worthily represented by the honourable member on my right, (Hon. Mr. Stewart), made some very strong remarks last year on the subject of this Contribution. He described the attitude of the Imperial Government as that of a highwayman presenting a pistol at the head of the Colony and ordering us to stand and deliver 20 per cent of our revenue. He based his opposition upon the assumption that the garrison was maintained here chiefly for Imperial purposes. To those remarks I did not personally refer for I felt that a question of such importance should only be approached after a fuller knowledge and investigation than it had been possible for me to devote to it after so short a residence in the Colony as I then possessed. I approached the matter with an open mind, possibly with a bias in favour of the view that the Contribution weighed too heavily, and I was fully prepared if my examination of the matter should confirm that view to appeal to the Imperial Authorities for its reduction; but I cannot say that in the conclusion to which I have been led. What are the facts? Roughly speaking we pay one-third to one-half of the total cost of the defence forces. Armaments are provided by the Imperial Government. It is absurd to contrast our position with that of the Straits, who, for the last year or two have paid the entire cost of their defence. Towards the Navy, to whose protection we owe our existence, we contribute nothing. It is the Navy which protects its docks and its coaling stations and not the Colonies and Protectorates in Africa with which I have been associated very many years bear the entire cost of their defence, though their frontiers are coterminous with those of

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th September, at 9.30 a.m. All Claims must reach us before the 4th October, or they will not be considered. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 24th September, 1908. 5.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 3rd October at 12.30 p.m. at the Office of the JOCKEY CLUB on the Ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 19th September, 1908. 1335.

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F. J. ABBOTT, Acting Superintendent. Hongkong, 24th September, 1908. 1

## INTIMATIONS

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the CITY HALL, TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 25th instant, at 5.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August; of Electing Officers for the ensuing year, &c.

DAVID WOOD, Acting Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 3rd September, 1908. 1299.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in Cricket Club Pavilion on MONDAY, the 28th inst., at 5.15 p.m.

By Order of the Committee, HEDLEY G. WHITE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 21st September, 1908. 1324.

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"That the sum of \$50,000.00 now standing at the credit of Fund of Equalization of the Dividend be transferred to the credit of 'Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund.'"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of October, 1908, at 12.10 p.m. for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the Subjoined Resolution:—

"That Article No. 51 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor:—Three Members personally present shall be a quorum for an Ordinary General Meeting. Resolutions of the quorum shall be five."

"That Article No. 111 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by deleting the words 'the Governing Directors' or by two Directors' on the seventh line thereof and substituting the following words therefor:—The General Managers."

Should the above Resolution be duly passed it will be submitted for Confirmation at a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1908. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. 1344.

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE FOURTEENTH DRAWING of Sixty-five DEBENTURES of the HONGKONG CLUB (1896) (each \$100) each was held at the HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE on SATURDAY, 19th September, when the following Debentures were DRAWN for Redemption:—

3	271	653	1159	1656
12	265	728	1204	1656
20	370	759	1228	1798
37	373	762	1230	1765
40	389	761	1238	1739
45	469	834	1341	1892
57	453	808	1335	1814
58	453	808	1335	1812
114	763	986	1516	1871
169	568	889	1552	1910
211	580	1039	1576	1974
212	606	1041	1698	1984
238	667	1115	1692	1787

and will be Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on WEDNESDAY, the 30th September, 1908, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 19th September, 1908. 1338.

## INTIMATIONS

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

WITH Reference to GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 492 of 13th July, 1908, which is hereby Cancelled, it IS NOTIFIED that, on and after 1st January, 1909, the FEES (payable monthly) at Queen's College will be \$45 per annum in all classes.

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, 22nd September, 1908. 1332.

E. R.

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY to H.M. NAVAL YARD of the under-mentioned TIMBER MATERIALS for one year from 1st October, 1908, viz:—

TEAK, AMERICAN FIR or OREGON, Bulk, Thicket, Pine, Camp, Wood, Hard, Woods.

Forms of Tender and information in regard to the conditions of contract, &c., can be obtained on application to the NAVAL STORE OFFICER, H.M. Naval Yard. A deposit of One Hundred Dollars will be required with each Tender, but this will be returned on the acceptance or rejection of the same. The Tenders, which will be received till Noon on 1st proximo, should be sealed and addressed to the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard. The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

H. RISSLAND, Naval Store Officer. Hongkong, 22nd September, 1908. 1333.

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. STEPHENSON & COMPANY of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong have on the 11th May, 1908, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following TRADE MARKS:—

1. A Seven Starred GUINNESS PAGODA. 2. A BEER-HIVE surrounded by Bees. 3. Two Sitting HARES looking towards each other.

In the name of FREDERICK ALBERT GUELZOW, NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEMSEN, CLARE GEORGE RICHARD BOUWEN, FREDERICH HERMANN ARNOLD FRUHS and JENNY OTTO STRICKMEYER, who claim to be the Proprietors thereof.

The Trade Marks are intended to be used by the Applicants forthwith in respect of:—

FLOUR, in Class 42.

Facsimiles of such Trade Marks can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong.

Dated the 23rd day of July, 1908. DEACON, LOCKER & DEACON, Solicitors for the Applicants. 1112.

CHINA EXPRESS CO., 3, DUDDELL STREET.

FOR SALE a Quantity of NETTING for TENNIS, COURTS, etc., at less than half cost. GORDON & SONS, 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, PHOTO MATERIALS, DRESSES and CHEMICALS. Hongkong, 5th August, 1908. 1050.

GOLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 CUBIC FEET of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods. G. K. HAXTON, Manager. Hongkong 1st April, 1908. 43.

DR. M. H. CHAUN.

THE latest Method of the AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY. 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. 1261.

GRACA & CO.

(Established 1896). No. 27, Des Voeux Road, opposite the P. & O.'s Office.

Dealers in Rare Asiatic and Foreign Vintage Stamps. View and Artistic Postcards. Novels, Cigars and all other Philatelic Goods. Now on view a fine collection of 4,600 STAMPS for \$750. Inspection cordially invited. 621.

NEW CARTRIDGES.

Y. Popular English Manufacturers. In 12, 25, 30, 36, 44, 45, 47, 50, 54, 56, 58, 60, 66, 68, 70, 76, 78, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 96, 100, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

WM. SCHMIDT & CO. Despatch, 25th October, 1906. 729.

DAVID CORSAIR & SON'S MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX RELIANCE CROWN TARPAILING.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO. Sole Agents. 994.

SANG MOW. BATTAN AND GRASS FURNITURE MAKER.

CHAIRS, TABLES, SEATERS, LONG CHAIRS, BAMBOO BLINDS, MATTINGS in all colours on Sale.

All Orders receive prompt attention. 594, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. 401.

## TO LET

DERRINGTON, Peak Road below L.R.C. Tennis Courts. From 1st September a.o. The Property is also FOR SALE. For Particulars apply to— C. SCHROETER, Care of GARRELS, BOSENER & Co., King's Buildings, 3rd Floor. Hongkong, 8th August, 1908. 1184.

## TO LET.

THE ROOMS on the first floor of No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (opposite the General Post Office). The Rooms are light, spacious and well ventilated. Very moderate rent. Immediate Possession. Apply to— YEE SANG FAT & CO. Same address. Hongkong, 23rd January, 1907. 270.

## TO LET

FROM 1st MAY KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yau Ma Tei. Area 55,200 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c. Apply to— HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. 221.

## TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road. A HOUSE in RYDON TERRACE. No. 10, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor. "HATHERLEIGH," Conduit Road. OFFICES in YORK BUILDING. GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUM BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Voeux Road next to the HONGKONG HOTEL. FLATS in MORRISON TERRACE. Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. 86.

## TO LET.

ROOMS in HOTEL MANSIONS, suitable for Offices or Chambers. Apply to— HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings. Hongkong, 13th August, 1908. 785.

## TO LET.

ONE ROOM suitable for Office, Des Voeux Road, Central. Apply to— FREDERICK ELLIS, Estate Agent. 8A, Des Voeux Road Central. Hongkong, 18th September, 1908. 1280.

## TO LET.

"GLENWOOD" CHINESE ROAD, suitable for a Boarding house or Club. Containing 26 Rooms. 2, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground. C. M. S. PEAK BUNGALOW, Mount Kaitai. Furnished. From 1st October, 1908 to 30th June 1909. Rent \$100 a month and taxes.

OFFICES in Bank Buildings, Top Floor. BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Rooms. No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Top Floor, (over Calbrook McGregor). OFFICES in Queen's Road Central. BELLIS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD. A GODOWN in Duddell Street. No. 3, DUDDELL STREET Shop. No. 2, DES VOEUX VILLAS (PEAK). Apply to— LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings. Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. 89.

## TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. SHAW, TOMES & CO.) Apply to— THE COMPTON DEPARTMENT, E. D. SASSOON & CO., Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 10th June, 1908. 947.

## TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR of No. 6, Queen's Road Central, comprising Six Large Rooms and Out-houses suitable for business. Premises or Dwellings, lately occupied by FRED. BOSENERMAN. Apply to— DAVID SASSOON & Co. Ltd. Hongkong, 7th April, 1908. 96.

## TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. Apply to— SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited. Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. 91.

## TO LET.

COAL YARD. Immediate Possession. A PORTION of the COMPOUND of Marine Lot No. 42, Wauchai, Praya East. Apply to— N. MODY & CO., Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. 1342.

## TO LET.

ONE OFFICE ROOM, Third Floor, New Praya 2, opposite Murray Pier. Apply to— SCHULDT & CO. Hongkong, 28th July, 1908. 1013.

## TO LET.

4-ROOMED HOUSES in Kowloon at Moderate Rentals. Apply to— HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LD. Hongkong, 15th August, 1908. 1018.

## TO LET

TO LET. NOS. 3 and 5, ORMSBY TERRACE, Kowloon, with Ground at rear for Recreation or Garden. Cheap rental. Apply to— SPANISH PROCURATION, 2, Seymour Road. Hongkong,







## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
 HAINES, German str., 771, J. J. Jensen, 24th Sept.—Swatow 23rd September, General—Jensen & Co.  
 HONGKONG, British str., 2,555, R. S. Bainbridge, 24th September—Singapore 18th Sept., General—Chinese.  
 LUNGHAN, British str., 1,692, S. J. Payne, 23rd September—Manila via Amoy 22nd Sept., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 MACHIN, German str., 2,000, R. O. Zeller, 24th September—Bangkok 10th Sept., Rice and Salt—N. D. Is.  
 ORIEL, British str., 2,206, Madroll, 24th Sept., Coal—Bradley & Co.  
 SHAOHING, British str., 2,075, E. W. Bryce, 24th September—London August 15th, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
 YOCOW, British str., 1,306, Brown, 24th Sept.—Amoy 22nd Sept., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
 ZILTE, German str., 4,988, F. Prosch, 24th Sept.—Hamburg 13th August, Mail and General—Molochs & Co.

**CLEARANCES.**  
 At the Harbour Master's Office.  
 24th September.  
 Libria, German str., for Singapore.  
 Synatra, British str., for Yokohama.  
 Yochow, British str., for Canton.

**DEPARTURES.**  
 24th September.  
 AMERICA, German str., for Singapore.  
 ANHUI, British str., for Canton.  
 CHONGKING, British str., for Bangkok.  
 G. A. CAR, British str., for Yokohama.  
 JAPAN, British str., for Singapore.  
 KIANGHAI, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.  
 KWANGLO, Chinese str., for Canton.  
 MICHAEL JENSEN, German str., for Haiphong.  
 P. E. FRIEDRICH, German str., for Europe.  
 RAJAM, German str., for Bangkok.  
 THIRTYNINE, British str., for Amoy.  
 YATSHING, British str., for Canton.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
 The British str. Hongkong reports: Strong N.E. with heavy sea from Perseus to port.

**VESSELS IN DOCK.**  
 September 24th.  
 AMERICAN DOCK—Protea, Germania.  
 WILSON DOCK—Corcoran, H.M.S. Walrus.  
 U.S. Albatross, Metones, King To, Hoped, Helopon, 8 and 10, Kiang Ch, COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Peahont, Inveric.

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 DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
 For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

**THE Company's Steamship.**  
 "HAIMUN."  
 Captain J. W. Evans, will be despatched to the above ports T.C. DAY, the 25th inst., at 2 P.M. A reduction of 20 per cent. on First Class Fares to Fochow, will be made during the month of September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 DOUGLAS LAFFALK & Co.,  
 General Managers.  
 Hongkong, 23rd September, 1908. 1347  
 For SAN FRANCISCO via  
 PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

**THE Steamship.**  
 "DAKOTAH."  
 Capt. W. Ross, will be despatched as above on or about 30th September, 1908.

For Freight and Passage, apply to—  
 STANDARD OIL CO. OF NEW YORK,  
 Oriental Freight Department,  
 (Hotel Mission).  
 Hongkong, 19th September, 1908. 1263

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED TO BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

**THE Steamship.**  
 "DEVANHA."  
 Captain T. H. Hild, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this port for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY the 3rd October, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above per in connection with the Company's "VICTORIA," 7,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuable, all cargo for France, Tea for London, under arrangement will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "PENAR," due in London on the 14th November, 1908. Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required. For further particulars, apply to  
 F. J. ABBOTT,  
 Acting Superintendent.  
 Hongkong, 21st September, 1908.

**REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE.**  
 WITH LIBERTY, 20, CALL AT MALACCA COAST.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
 FOR NEW YORK AND BOSTON.  
 S.S. "SHIMOSA" ... On 10th October.  
 For Freight and further information, apply to  
 DODWELL & CO., LTD.  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 23rd September, 1908. 1376

"GLN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

For LONDON, HAVRE AND ANTWERP.

**THE Steamship.**  
 "GLENLOCHY."  
 Captain E. J. Stallard, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 14th October. For Freight apply to  
 MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.  
 Hongkong, 22nd September, 1908. 1341

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k" nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m" and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

## SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP via USUAL PORTS OF CALL...	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Hild, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 3rd Oct. at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	JOSE	Brit. str.	—	G. Phillips	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 7th October.
LONDON, HAVRE & ANTWERP	GLENLOCHY	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Stallard	MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 14th October.
ALEY ANDRIA, ANTWERP & HAMBURG &c.	SPEZIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Kotze	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 28th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Schwinghammer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th October.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SILERSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th October.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	ERNEST SIMONS	Fr. str.	—	Girard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 31st October.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	INADA MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. H. Butler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	TRANQUER	Dan. str.	—	Wm. Bainbridge	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	VORWARTS	Ans. str.	—	B. Boissier	MELCHERS & Co.	On 14th Oct. at 1 P.M.
TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	VANDALIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Karberg	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	About 25th inst.
NEW YORK	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	Macfarlane	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD	On 28th inst.
NEW YORK & BOSTON	LIBERTY	Brit. str.	—	W. Ross	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 19th October.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL	DAKOTAH	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 30th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO via PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	—	On 3rd Oct. at 4 P.M.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	—	On 28th inst.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	INVERIC	Brit. str.	—	Jas. Boyd	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 28th inst.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	TOSU MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Nagao	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th Oct. at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Oct. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	W. von Sander	MELCHERS & Co.	On 3rd Oct. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	TAITAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th Oct. at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	—	P. T. Holmes	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 15th Oct. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th Oct. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	KANAKAWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Ohno	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Oct. at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TIPIANAS	Dut. str.	—	Pend. r.	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
JAPAN	AMIRAL OLEY	Frans. str.	—	A. Stott	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th October.
CHINGWANGTAO, JAPAN, AMERICA, &c.	KWANGSE	Brit. str.	1 m.	V. McClymont-Liddell	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 28th inst., at 4 P.M.
NEWCHWANG	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Bruce	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 25th inst.
TIENTSIN	SUMATRA	Brit. str.	—	M. Courtney	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 27th inst. at 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YATUNG	Frans. str.	—	Martin	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 28th inst.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	CALDONIEN	Frans. str.	—	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 30th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SAMBA	Brit. str.	k.w.	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 1st October.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	Richard	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 1st Oct. at Noon.
SHANGHAI, ANJUNG & NEWCHWANG	WASHING	Jap. str.	—	M. Nemoto	OSAKA SHOKEN KAISHA	On 2nd Oct. at 9 A.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	BUJUN MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 2nd Oct. at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	PEKING	Dan. str.	—	T. Yamawaki	MELCHERS & Co.	On 3rd October.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WAKAMITSU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th October.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	SENDAIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th October.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	THILWONG	Dut. str.	—	Jurissies	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	SHOBU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Ichi	OSAKA SHOKEN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at 10 A.M.
ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LAFFALK & Co.	On 27th inst. at 2 P.M.
TAMULU via SWATOW & AMOY	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. Hooker	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 2 P.M.
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SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	SHAOHING	Brit. str.	1 m.	Imbba	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 8 A.M.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	CHIHU	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
HOHONG & HAIPHONG	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	SHEWAN TOMES & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MANILA	ZAPING	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. Somerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst. at 4 P.M.
MANILA	TAKING	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN TOMES & Co.	On 3rd Oct. at Noon.
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MANILA	YUNSEANG	Brit. str.	—	F. Sembill	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of October.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	A. Mocker	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	TAKAKAKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	To-morrow, at 1 P.M.
SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SOERABAYA	CHUNANG	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 1st October.
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & ODESSA	LITUANIA	Dan. str.	—	M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 9th Oct. at 1 P.M.
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LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DEVANHA, Capt. T. H. Hild, R.N.	Noon, 3rd Oct.	See Special Advertisement.
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SWATOW and SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING" .....	On 25th Sept., 3 P.M.
HUHOW and HAIPHONG	"CHIHLE" .....	On 26th Sept., 8 A.M.
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SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"YATSHING" .....	Sunday, 27th Sept., 8 P.M.
SHANGHAI & NEWCHWANG	"WAISHING" .....	Thursday, 1st Oct., Noon.
TIENTSIN	"CHONGSHING" .....	Thursday, 1st Oct., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, Kobe & Moji	"KUTSANG" .....	Friday, 2nd Oct., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG" .....	Friday, 2nd Oct., 4 P.M.
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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBÉ	"PEKING" .....	On 3rd October.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	"TRANQUEBAR" .....	Middle of October.

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VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA.	INABA MARU .....	WEDNESDAY, 14th Oct., at Daylight.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE.	POSA MARU .....	SATURDAY, 26th Sept., at 4 P.M.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO.	SHINANO MARU .....	TUESDAY, 13th Oct., at 4 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA.	NIKKO MARU .....	FRIDAY, 2nd Oct., at Noon.
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA.	KUMANO MARU .....	FRIDAY, 30th Oct., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBÉ.	TAKASAKI MARU .....	WEDNESDAY, 30th Sept., at Noon.
	KANAGAWA MARU .....	FRIDAY, 2nd Oct., at Noon.
	WAKAMIYA MARU .....	MONDAY, 5th Oct., at Noon.

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# SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 24th September.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING  
PUNISH JUDGE).

FAILURE OF A CINEMATOGRAPH PROPRIETOR. The hearing was concluded of the case in which Charles Nugent and August Dufresne for \$1,987.18 money advanced to and paid on behalf of the defendant, the claim being reduced to \$1,000 to bring it within the jurisdiction of the court.

Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared for plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. Otto Kong Sing.

Mr. A. B. Demie, recalled, was cross-examined by Mr. Thomson. He stated that the plaintiff consulted him before bringing this action. Witness acted as interpreter, and had seen plaintiff's account.

Wouldn't it have been better to tell me this was a wrong account instead of going on with the action?—If I had remembered.

Wouldn't it have been a straighter course to pursue?—Certainly it would.

After having acted as interpreter for plaintiff you went over to defendant?—Yes.

And told the defendant all about plaintiff's affairs?—I told nothing to the defendant.

You consulted with defendant about the case?—Yes.

And used information you got from the plaintiff?—Yes.

Does that strike you as being a correct thing to do?—I thought Mr. Dufresne was in the right.

Why did you help the plaintiff to bring his action in the first instance?—Because he requested me to find a solicitor.

And you interpreted all affidavits to him in which he said the defendant was owing money?—Yes.

And you never pointed out to him that those affidavits were false?—I told him.

Why did you allow yourself to interpret what you knew to be false affidavits?—I knew very well he was making up a false account.

That is not my question. Question repeated. I told him.

Why didn't you tell me the plaintiff was perjurying himself?—I told the plaintiff.

Why didn't you tell me?—Perhaps I might have.

You never told me, otherwise I should not have allowed the affidavits to be sworn. You said the defendant did not owe the plaintiff any money, yet you brought him to me and said he wanted to bring an action against the defendant?—Yes.

Why didn't you tell him it was a false claim?—Because he was looking for a solicitor.

Yet you knew it was?—Yes.

Well, that is an extraordinary thing to do. You knew it was a false claim and allowed me to bring this action although you knew it was wrong?—He wanted a solicitor and I brought him to you.

Because you thought I'd take up a rotten action?—Yes.

You would interpret an affidavit whether you knew it was false or not?—Yes.

Re-examined by Mr. Kong Sing: You merely acted as interpreter?—Yes.

Did you know anything about this account before you went to Mr. Thomson with Mr. Nugent?—Nothing at all.

It was only after you had seen Mr. Thomson that this account was shown to you?—Yes.

You were asked to interpret these documents?—Yes.

You say you explained to Nugent that all the items were false?—Yes.

Did you interpret any affidavits to be sworn?—Yes.

The affidavit for arrest?—That was the only one.

After hearing further evidence his Lordship entered judgment for the defendant with costs.

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SPORT.

FIRST DAY.

In the early part of yesterday afternoon it appeared probable that the opening day of the annual sports would be doomed with unfavorable weather, but fortunately towards five o'clock the threatening clouds dispersed so that beyond the water being slightly "choppy" the circumstances were all that could be desired, and the slight chill of the water seemed to give an extra stimulus to the efforts of the competitors, as some brilliant finishes were exhibited. A large crowd watched the events and lastly exhorted the laggards to "hustle" with the result that every race was a severe trial and only won eventually by an extra spurt.

There were eight candidates for the Half-mile Championship of this Colony but only three finished the race. C. J. Cooke was home first, followed a few minutes afterwards by A. E. Thomas. The others had made a faulty guess as to the necessary allowance for the current in mid-stream, and while Cooke and Thomas were rounding the buoy they were battling hard against the full force of the tide some hundred yards to the westward, and eventually saw fit to admit their mistake and return on course by the launch. Cooke managed the distance in 21.33 minutes and Thomas took 25.21.

The following are the results of the remaining items excepting No. 2 which was omitted:

1. Two Lengths Handicap. (Twenty entries) 1st. heat—J. M. Lopez first, F. L. Boz second. 2nd. heat—A. H. Carroll first, F. J. Barretto second. 3rd. heat—R. Galluzzi first, A. A. Claxton second. 4th. heat—A. J. V. Ribeiro first, H. J. White second.

2. Two Lengths Handicap (over 3 years of age). Four entries. Won by A. P. Silva Netto F. W. Daniel being second.

3. Plunging. Dead heat between C. Brandy and H. C. Wittehell who tied first by plunging 54 feet each and on their second try again equaled each other's effort by increasing their plunges by two feet.

The competitors will make further attempts to out distance each other on Saturday.

Team Race.—This was won by the third team (H. C. Sawyer) and provided a good struggle.

The following gentlemen acted in the under mentioned capacities: Judges: Messrs. M. McIver, E. Humphreys, Rodger, and L. E. Lummer. Referee: Mr. A. Rodger. Starter: Mr. P. Moel. Handicappers: Messrs. T. Moel, E. Humphreys, L. E. Lummer, and J. Rodger. Official time-keepers: Mr. E. M. Hazland, Mr. W. A. Craik.

## CRICKET.

The following will represent the Civil Service Club, against the Middlesex "Sergents" team tomorrow afternoon on the Garrison Ground:—E. W. Dawson, In-E. Brett, A. Pile, J. McKay, G. O. Hoggarth, E. C. Barlow, H. Coombs, C. Bardett, J. McEwen, A. Gibson, and H. Ellis.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The T.K.K. str. *Hongkong Maru* will be due to arrive here on the 27th inst. at 3 p.m. The Indo-China str. *Kaitang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore on the 22nd inst. and may be expected here on or about 23rd inst. The M.M. str. *Calcutta* with French Mail of the 30th ult. and Mails from London of the 29th ult. left Saigon on Friday, the 25th inst. at 5 a.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Monday morning the 23rd inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan the same afternoon.

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